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Group Art Unit: 3775

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: :  
: Errico et al. :  
: Application No.: 10/784,629 : Group Art Unit: 3775  
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: Filed: February 23, 2004 : Examiner: N. W. Woodall  
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: For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR MANIPULATING :  
ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC :  
TRIALS HAVING A CYLINDRICAL :  
ENGAGEMENT SURFACE :

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated  
December 24, 2008, finally rejecting claims **1-14, and 17-20**,  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as  
follows: